

York River State Park takes its name from the river along its border which is formed from the joining of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers at West Point, 10 miles up river from the park. Croaker Landing, within the park, is an archaeological site included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Known in its early history as Taskinas Plantation, York River State Park was the site of a 17th- and 18th-century public tobacco warehouse where local planters stored their crops to be shipped to England. Remnants of wooden "corduroy" roads dating from this period can still be seen along Taskinas Creek at low tide. The park was opened in 1980 to preserve the unique environment and the land that was so significant to the early history of the Commonwealth.

Overlooking the York River, the park's visitor center serves as an interpretive introduction to the park's 2,505 acres of forest, marshland and river frontage. Here you will find several displays and videos that explain the complex levels of activity in the estuary, forests and marshland. The center also offers many educational and interpretive programs like guided canoe trips on Taskinas Creek.

Frequent visitors save money

Annual passes for parking and boat launch/parking offer the frequent visitor greater savings. Stop by the park office for details.

Virginia State Parks Reservation Center

To receive more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a campsite reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK (or in the Richmond calling area 225-3867).

Join Us in the Parks –

DCR's Volunteer Program

DCR offers diverse opportunities for volunteers in most state parks and natural areas throughout the state. Inquire at the park office for details.

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York River State Park Guide

Williamsburg, Virginia

Virginia State Parks provide
A Natural Legacy
of outdoor activities and
programs. They are an important
part of DCR's efforts to promote
a strong conservation ethic.
These efforts ensure that the
best of Virginia's natural
resources will be protected and
available for future generations.

Welcome to York River State Park. The unique estuarine environment found at this 2,505-acre park serves as a nursery for marine life throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Taskinas Creek and the surrounding marsh within the park are designated as a Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

We invite you to participate in our interpretive programs and guided canoe trips to learn more about this special environment. To make your visit safer and more enjoyable, we ask that you observe the following regulations:

-  The public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
-  Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters.
-  Pets are permitted in all state parks, but they must be kept in an enclosed area or on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times.
-  Horses and bicycles are allowed only on designated trails and in designated areas.
-  Taskinas Point and Croaker Landing are open for day use from 8 a.m. through dusk. Croaker Landing is open 24 hours a day, Memorial Day through Labor Day, for boat launching and retrieving only.

Restrooms

Parking

Information

Picnic Shelter

Picnic Area

Hiking Trail

Hiking Trails

All trails are for hiking with some restricted to hiking only, and some are shared multiple use trails.

Bicycle Trails

Only designated trails permit bicycles. Laurel Glen and Marl Ravine Trail are single track mountain bike trails. Other bike trails are suitable for general bicycling.

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Bridle Trails

Only designated trails permit horses.

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